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Office Action:

Claims 1-20	pending
Claims 1-4, 9-13, 15,16,18-20	rejected
Claims 5-8, 14, 17	objected to

- Claims 5-8, 14, 17 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) (multiple dependent claims).

All multiple claims have been eliminated in the amended claims.

- Claims 1-4, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-20 rejected under 35 USC 112 (narrative in form and contain numerous vague and indefinite expressions)

All suspect expressions have been eliminated from both the amended DESCRIPTION and CLAIMS.

- Claims 10-12, 15, 16, 18-20 rejected (anticipated by Hirs patent)
  - - **Claims 10 and 11** have been cancelled in the amended claims.
  - The original and amended and now **independent claim 12** is in no way anticipated by Hirs patent. There is no evidence in this patent of the anticipation of the use of separate sheets of media for the purpose of process control or any other purpose.
  - The original as well as the amended and now **independent claim 15** is in no way anticipated by Hirs patent. There is absolutely no reference or even hint in his patent concerning means to measure the instantaneous rate of filtration by determining the volumetric flow of gas in the contaminant chamber during the filtration operation.

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